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consist of "Property Owners, Princess Anne County, 1860," "Abstracts from Norfolk Marriage Bonds;" also Lists of Marriages performed by the Revs. Anthony Walke and Joshua Lawrence; "Taxable Property in Norfolk County in 1784," "Carriage Owners of Princess Anne County, 1859." Of special interest are the instalments of recollections under title of "My Mother," "The Church in Lower Norfolk County," and "Lower Norfolk County Libraries." The Antiquary with each number grows in value and interest, showing in the Parts under review, as in those preceding, remarkable discrimination in selection. The editor has an unfailing historic sense, an intuitive recognition of what is of real historical value. Moreover, he understands what is of interest to readers who make no claim to being historical specialists. We venture to say that in no periodical of the same compass can be found so much historical material entirely new, which is of almost equal interest to historical specialists and intelligent general readers alike. We trust that the editor may be able to see his way clear hereafter to converting his periodical into a quarterly. The more we have of such careful and thoughtful selections from the records of the Norfolk Peninsula, the richer will Virginia be in her published materials for the complete understanding of her history.

INDEX TO HENING'S VIRGINIA STATUTES AT LARGE. By Prof. J. J. Casey. New York City, \$5.00.

This index is like a friend's hand extended to us in the dark. How many who have used Hening's Statutes (and who, feeling an interest in our Virginian history, has not used them?) have not ardently wished for a good index to save many an hour of precious time. Prof. Casey deserves the gratitude of all students of Virginian law, genealogy and history for his copious and carefully arranged index. It should be in the hands of every one who has occasion to use Hening's noble collection of Virginia's Colonial laws. Cannot Prof. Casey do a similar work for Meade's "Old Families and Churches," which in its present state is a wildwood where we have to wander far and near before we are able to lay our hands on the facts we are searching for.

AMERICAN HISTORICAL REVIEW. October, 1897, Number. J. Franklin Jamison, Managing Editor.

We have followed the career of this Review so far with very great interest, and from some points of view our expectations as to its usefulness have not been disappointed. In one important respect, however, we consider it open to serious criticism. It might as well be called the European Historical Review as the American. We question very much the propriety of publishing in it so many articles on European history

that bears not the slightest relation to American. The true province of the American Historical Review is American history alone. The constituency of the American Historical Review are persons who are interested in American history, and who, when they want to read discussions of European history, prefer to go to the English and Continental Reviews.

The critical department of the Review, in our opinion, is the only field for the discussion of European history unless that history has a direct connection with American.

FENLAND NOTES AND QUERIES, Somerset and Dorset Notes and Queries, East Anglian, Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica, Lincolnshire Notes and Queries, Northamptonshire Notes and Queries, Scottish Antiquary.

Too warm expressions of commendation cannot be given these excellent antiquarian and genealogical Magazines. They remind us of careful gleaners going over the field and gathering up here and there the precious grains which the great chroniclers and historical Magazines have passed by unheeded. All honor to the work they are doing for Old England! Its value cannot be overestimated. There are no periodicals of their kind coming to our reading table from quarter to quarter that show a spirit of greater thoroughness or more intelligent devotion to the objects which they have in view. As we turn over their pages, so full of matter of antiquarian and genealogical interest, the breath of the Colonial days in our Virginian counties seems to come to us, recalling so much that was beautiful and inspiring, now, alas! with us forever departed.